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Weſtminſter, March 25.

HIS Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne, with the uſual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

St. James's, March 25.

An humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of Southampton, at the Aſſizes held at the Caſtle of Winton the 6th Day of March 1716, has been preſented to His Majeſty by John Wallop, Eſq; Knight of the Shire, and Knowles, Eſq; High Sheriff of the ſaid County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſhold.

An humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of Somerſet, at the Aſſizes held at Taunton the 18th Day of March 1716, has been preſented to His Majeſty by George Dodington, Eſq; His Majeſty's Lieutenant of the ſaid County, introduced by the Right Honourable Paul Methuen, Eſq; one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Addreſſes His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Venice, March 12. 'Tis adviſed from Corfu, that the *Scudo della fede* a Ship of War of the third Rate belonging to this Republick, which was careening in the Port of Guin, was blown up by Accident, and only the Captain and two of the Men ſaved. This Day General Schulenbourg ſet out Poſt from hence for Otranto, where two Gallies wait for him: He is to ſtop at Rome, to preſs the Pope to haſten the Aſſiſtance which he deſigns to ſend into the Levant this Summer; the Great Duke's two Gallies are fitting out, but we have no certain Account yet when thoſe of Genoa and the Squadrons from Spain and Portugal may be expected. On the 3d Inſtant a Convoy ſailed from Malamocco for Corfu, with two third Rate Men of War; on the 4th a firſt Rate Man of War was launched, and in four or five Days two others of the ſame Rate will come out of the Arſenal. On Sunday laſt the great Council choſe Sig. Nicholas Foſcarini Procurator of St. Mark. Six Barks are arrived from Verona, with 600 Swiſs, and more are expected daily, to recruit the Regiments in the Service of this Republick. By a Veſſel arrived from Dalmatia we have Advice, that one of our Parties having made an Incurſion into the Enemy's Country, was returned with great Booty.

Madrid, March 15. The Deputies of the Clergy have frequent Conferences with the Preſident of the Cruſada, about adjuſting the Subſidy demanded of all the Eccleſiaſticks of the Kingdom; and that Preſident has already remitted a conſiderable Sum to Sig. Patinno, towards the Expence of building ſome Men of War in the Ports of Andaluſia. On the 11th Inſtant at Night an Order was ſent to M. Burlet, the King's chief